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John Murray, S.J.
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Dear Father Murray:

... has called on a couple of occasions alleging abuse by a priest when he was in high school. He was originally very vague about the location and names of priests and I told him that it was difficult to proceed with no real facts. However, this last time he has made the situation more specific.

... thinks that the episode took place at Holy Trinity Church in the South End, sometime between the years 1960 to 1963. He focuses on Holy Trinity as a church that is close to Cathedral High School which he attended. He now says that he has been talking to his brother and that they feel that the priest may have been "Father Carr." He does not know his full name but thinks that he was a Jesuit and that he is deceased and buried at the Campion Hall in Weston. He believes that there were about three priests at Holy Trinity at the time.

He is not certain about Father Carr, indicating that it could have been one of the other priests but thinks that Father Carr was the CYO Director in the parish at the time and is the most likely candidate. ... states that he 'does not want to sue the church or anything like that' ... but does want 'a letter of apology'.

He also expressed the desire for "permission" to visit the rectory to ascertain whether the memory he entertains is correct. He often visualizes the place where it happened. It is not clear what ... wants to come of this, although he repeatedly maintains that he 'does not want to sue the church'. Even a letter of apology would be difficult to produce. I think he should be seen in person to get a clearer picture of his complaint and where to go with it.

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As an aside, I _____ also talks at length about the problems that he is having with his pastor at his parish on Cape Cod. He has been handling that with the Fall River Diocese; therefore, he should not take your time with this matter.

Father Murray, I would appreciate your contacting me relative to this matter. I may be reached at 617-746-5756 or 617-789-4859.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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for Ministerial Personnel